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# Soviet Press Calls British, U.S. Embassies 'Spy Nests'

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Moscow, May 9—The Penkovsky-Wynne espionage trial took secret testimony today as the Soviet press asserted that the hearing had already proved that the British and American embassies in Moscow have been turned into nests of spies.

Foreboding letters demanding "the supreme measure of punishment" for the confessed Soviet traitor, Oleg V. Penkovsky, also were in Moscow newspapers.

Other messages received by the military collegium of the Soviet Supreme Court reportedly called for "strict punishment" for Greville M. Wynne the British business man accused of being liaison man between Penkovsky and Western intelligence agents.

## "Short And Wrathful"

Izvestia and Moskovskaya Pravda said the letters were short and wrathful, insuring on retaliation and that they were the voice of the entire Soviet people.

Whether these reports in the contraband press indicate that the two men will be punished as severely as "the entire Soviet people" demand may be decided tomorrow or Saturday.

The trial is expected to be open to reporters again tomorrow, as it was during its first two days before it closed to hear details of just what military and economic secrets Penkovsky allegedly passed to the West via Wynne and diplomats here.

The Soviet news agency Tass gave the names of two men who were questioned about the crimes purportedly committed by the Soviet scientific administrator and his alleged British contact.

## "Nature And Content"

They were A.P. Dvorkikh and V.V. Petrochenko. They were not identified further.

Tass said the collegium considered matters concerning the nature and content of the information passed by the accused to the British and American intelligence services.

"It also heard experts' conclusions with regard to the degree of secrecy of the information collected and transferred by the accused to foreign intelligence agencies," Tass reported.

Penkovsky's deputy chief, Alexander Shtrom, the State Committee for Scientific Research Industries, pleaded guilty to espionage and said he

had passed rocket secrets, military organization data, economic information and other classified material to the west.

## Says He Volunteered

He said he volunteered to undertake this work, and in the course of about eighteen months before his arrest last fall snapped and slipped out more than 5,000 miniature photographs of Soviet documents.

Wynne confessed he was guilty of espionage—but "with reservations." The first two days of the trial made it clear that his reservations were that he was at first unwitting, then unwilling in his alleged role as a liaison man.

In the absence of new details from the courtroom, many Soviet newspapers used many inches of space today to comment on the case.

Komсомолская Pravda, the paper of the Communist Youth League, said Penkovsky's testimony was "disgusting." It said he was immoral, a bureaucratic climber who used his position as son-in-law of a prominent man to try to get ahead. But then he did not even attend the funeral of his father-in-law, the paper declared.

## "Drunken Boasting"

It accused him of entangling unwary citizens and taking information from them during their "drunken boasting."

The paper insisted that "it is no exaggeration to say that the British and American embassies in Moscow have been turned into nests of spies."

As if to follow up this point, Izvestia tonight printed thumbnail photographs of eight diplomats—or diplomats' wives—implicated by testimony given in the first two days of the trial.

All of those pictured except one British couple already have been reassigned outside Russia. The two remaining are Mr. and Mrs. Gervase Cowell. He heads the visa section at the British embassy.

A British spokesman said yesterday and Tuesday that the two members were "found and to be totally unfounded." He had no comment on whether the Cowells would leave Moscow.

## What Can We Call Spies?

The Cowells replaced Mr. and Mrs. Rory Chisholm on the embassy staff. Wynne testified that they also were to replace the Chisholms as his and Penkovsky's main contacts for transmitting materials back and forth. "If we call such people diplomats, what can we call spies?" Komсомолская Pravda asked.

The papers fiercely attacked diplomats for "abusing the hospitality of the Soviet Union" by using their immunity to conduct such activities.

Izvestia read back over Wynne's testimony and said his business world had included "competition, fakery, corruption, one business man spying on another, one company stealing secrets from another. . . . The distance between such business and espionage is not very great."

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